

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 29

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Representative Alvin King of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and former colleague Alvin King, a member of the House of Representatives of the 86th-97th Tennessee General Assemblies, serving from 1969 until 1992; and

WHEREAS, Alvin King was an exemplary and conscientious public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens, especially his constituents in the 92nd House District, in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished businessman, Mr. King enjoyed a highly successful career with interests in real estate, insurance, coffee importing and roasting, and a healthcare company he founded with his son Ashley King; and

WHEREAS, born on April 16, 1935, in St. Louis, Missouri, Alvin King was the son of Jeff and Annabelle Moore King; he attended Southern Illinois University, LeMoyne-Owen College, and the University of Tennessee at Memphis; and

WHEREAS, proudly answering his country's call to duty, Mr. King served as a hospitalman with the United States Naval Reserve from 1952-1960; and

WHEREAS, a recognized leader in the Memphis community, Alvin King was a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Glenview Edlewood Manor Club, and the WRO Elks; and

WHEREAS, a former member of the Memphis Black Arts Council, Mr. King was a former member of the board of directors of the Shelby County Mental Health Association, the Shelby County Sickle Cell Anemia Association, and Memphis in May; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a member of the House of Representatives, Alvin King served as Chairman of the Government Operations Committee and Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee in addition to playing a key role as a member of the Commerce Committee and the Calendar and Rules Committee; and

WHEREAS, a former Chairman of the National Caucus of Black State Legislators, Representative King also served as Chair of the Shelby County Legislative Delegation and represented the State of Tennessee on the Legislative Advisory Council of the Southern Regional Education Board; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to the greater good, Representative King sponsored the legislation that created the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation and the Tennessee Housing Development Corporation, won support for multi-million dollar appropriations for sickle cell research at Meharry Medical College, and co-sponsored the enabling legislation that gave 18-year-olds the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Mr. King is survived by his beloved wife, Rosalva, and his four treasured children, sons, Samuel King, Alvin Maurice King, Jr., and Ashley King, and daughter, Esperanza King; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by his many friends and colleagues, Mr. King was an even-tempered and affable gentleman who loved Tennessee and took great pride in making his community and State a better place for all; his unmatched record in public service and business stands as a monument to a life well lived; and

WHEREAS, Alvin King leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of our former colleague, Representative Alvin King, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable

character as a legislator, public servant, and human being, and commend his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Representative King.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.